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TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTY-NINTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2661:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2661.

Two sessions ago, legislation was enacted that temporarily increased accumulation limits for annual leave and allowed state employees to carry over certain unused annual leave due to the Covid-19 pandemic until the end of fiscal year 2022. Enrolled House Bill 2661 would extend this benefit through the end of fiscal year 2024, more than three years after the Covid-19 state of emergency was lifted. Continuing to permit the carry-over of pandemic related leave would negatively impact taxpayers and create a continuing fiscal burden on state agencies.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2661.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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